

NEW POLICE BOARD ORGANIZED; HEARS AN ORATION BY CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT

COMMISSIONERS URGED TO BE GUARDED AGAINST DICTATION FROM ARGUS

BOARD'S ADVISOR



CITY ATTORNEY JOHN K. SCOTT

Professes Love for Rock Island and Declares It Is Cleaner Than Ever in Its History.

Work of the new Rock Island board of fire and police commissioners in its first meeting last night was as follows: Election of Bert Coker as chairman and William A. Smith as secretary. Instructions to board in 45-minute address by City Attorney John K. Scott. Request for statements from audience. Adjournment at 8:55 o'clock.

In a lengthy address, John K. Scott, city attorney of Rock Island, impressed the new Rock Island board of fire and police commissioners, Bert Coker, John W. Carse and William A. Smith, with the powers and duties of their office, especially in the present civic situation here, at the board's first public meeting last night in the city hall.

No investigation was made by the board of charges of inefficiency and disobedience in the police department, though it was promised on suggestion of Mr. Scott that such work would soon be taken up. On motion of Commissioner Smith, Bert Coker was elected chairman of the board, and with equal precision Commissioner Carse nominated Commissioner Smith as secretary, both actions being taken by unanimous vote.

"Gallery" Large. There were about 150 persons, of all types and from all walks of life, in attendance. The council chamber was entirely filled by them, and the crowd overflowed into the adjoining private offices of the mayor's offices and into the hall. Bystanders jestingly referred to the assembly as a "gallery." Exceeding quietude was maintained by the group throughout the organization of the board and the address of Mr. Scott. Incoherent murmurs arose at some statements which were made, but whether they were inadvertent, or in approbation or displeasure was not evident.

Various individuals in the crowd mentioned their intention of returning to all open sessions of the board whenever possible for them to do so. A high interest in civic affairs was displayed in this unusual gathering. Officials were heard to remark that at no time in the brief history of the fire and police board here had there been a throng attended its sessions. The general opinion was that affairs in Rock Island—chiefly centering around the fire and police board—have reached such a pitch as to be of commanding interest to every wide-awake citizen.

Scott in Dual Capacity. In his address Mr. Scott spoke as follows: "The mayor was unable to be here tonight, gentlemen, and I am here as a result in what you might call a dual capacity: First as your legal advisor and secondly because of the unusual status of this board."

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BROOKHART GETS HARD SLAM FROM HARDING'S DAD

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 29.—A statement by Dr. George T. Harding, father of President Harding, that if he were a resident of Iowa he would bolt the Republican party and vote for Clyde L. Herring, the Democratic candidate for United States senator is causing comment in political circles here today.

Dr. Harding is in Des Moines in connection with the G. A. R. encampment. Yesterday, in an interview which practically everyone agrees merely represented his own views, Dr. Harding said that the Republican candidate for United States senator, Smith W. Brookhart, is "a Socialist," adding that he did not want "to see him in Washington causing trouble."

"We have enough of these Socialists in Washington now, causing trouble, and we don't want any more of them," he declared.

MUELLER STILL MEMBER BOARD, COUNSEL HOLDS

F. J. Mueller, secretary of the Rock Island board of police commissioners, ousted by the summary resolution presented to the city council Tuesday, this afternoon refused a request of his successor, William A. Smith, to turn over to him the records of the board.

"I have been advised by my attorneys, S. R. Kenworthy and C. E. Dietz, that I am still a member and secretary of the police and fire commission of Rock Island," Mr. Mueller explained. "And upon their instructions I must refuse to surrender those records to anyone not appointed and qualified in accordance with the laws under which the commission was created. I have been advised by my attorneys that I still have until next spring to serve as a member of that board. I am also advised by my attorneys that the board now assuming to serve has no legal standing. Until I am otherwise instructed by my attorneys I shall retain possession of the records of the police board."

Commissioners of the new fire and police board will sustain the suspension of Thomas Cox from the head of the police department, Chairman Bert Coker of the new board announced this morning. In the meantime an extensive investigation of rumors and charges concerning inefficiency and insubordination in the police department will be conducted by the board.

The secretary of the board, William A. Smith, was endeavoring to secure the records and books of the former board this morning. He and Mr. Coker joined in saying that after these records are secured the board will go ahead with the investigation.

Witnesses will be subpoenaed to appear before the board and tell what they know. The commissioners did not know, up to noon today, just who they would call before the board in the event of a meeting tonight.

COAL HIGHER? NOT IN DES MOINES, IA.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 29.—Steam coal for heating the state capitol was purchased at a contract price of \$2.49 a ton yesterday, 41 cents cheaper than last year, according to Ray Johnson, secretary of the executive council.

KNOX FROSH IS HURT IN FIGHT

Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 29.—William Oakley of Peoria, a freshman at Knox college, was seriously injured this morning in a fight in connection with the annual Freshman-Sophomore class, Sept.

PREDICT BRIEF REIGN FOR NEW KING OF GREECE

Republic Is Likely; Thrace Army Joins Revolt.

Paris, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Former Premier Venizelos received the following telegram today: "The revolutionary committee expresses its entire confidence in you in charging you with the defense of the national cause and solicits your immediate cooperation."

Paris, Sept. 22.—An Athens dispatch to the Havas Agency says political circles in the Greek capital are of the opinion that King George's reign will not be long, and that a republic will be established. Athens, Sept. 29.—The Greek army in Thrace has joined the revolution. The army corps in the Epirus also has thrown its lot with the revolutionists.

Paris, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Former King Constantine has been held prisoner in Athens, pending arrangements for sending him out of the country, according to messages received in official quarters in Paris today. (An Athens message this morning saying the ex-king was not a prisoner indicated that while he may not have been technically imprisoned he was by no means a free agent, as it was said the revolutionary committee had not yet decided what should be done with him.)

Prince George Takes Oath. Athens, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Crown Prince George has taken the oath as king, and Greece, pending the formation of a new ministry, is being governed by 12 officers representing the army and navy. An executive committee, a triumvirate composed of Colonels Gonatis and Platas for the army and Captain Phokas for the navy, is in actual direction of the new regime. Athens continues quiet, order being maintained everywhere.

The Nationalist movement, as it is called, is non-partisan, according to an announcement by the executive committee. It is probable that a military cabinet will be formed, but the revolutionary committee will continue its surveillance of this provisional government until elections can be held and the organization effect a permanent government founded on the wishes of the people.

Tino to Leave Athens. It is reported that the abdicated king, Constantine, former Queen Sophie and Constantine's brothers, Prince Nicholas and Prince Andrew, are to leave Athens today, but their destination has not been learned.

Prince Paul, younger son of Constantine, probably will be asked to remain in the country.

SAFES AT AVON, ILL., ROBBED

Yeggs Wreck Office of Elevator and Lumber Companies; Escape With \$38.

Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 29.—Robbers blew the safes at the elevator and lumber offices at Avon, near here, last night, totally wrecking each office, and escaped with \$38 from both places.

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ENGLAND IS FEARFUL OF WAR IN EAST

Turco-Russ Relations Are Basis for Apprehensions.

BULLETIN. London, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—The British government has sent a virtual ultimatum to Mustafa Kemal Pasha stating that his troops must leave the Chanak zone.

Constantinople, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, replying to General Harington's telegram of Wednesday, has sent a message declaring his troops would not advance further. He says he desires that no untoward incident should occur and that he will see General Harington as soon as possible.

London, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Grave fears for a recurrence of general warfare in Europe as a result of the near east crisis are occupying the minds of British official circles, it is stated in authoritative quarters.

It is explained that these fears are based on the relations known to exist between the Angora government and soviet Russia, and the potentialities of such relations. The whole British policy, it is stated, is to keep the Turks from crossing the Dardanelles into eastern Thrace, because it is maintained that in this event fighting would certainly occur and the whole of the Balkans would be drawn into the struggle. It is declared that such a crossing will not be countenanced.

Violation of the neutral zone by the Turks continues. Turkish soldiers are approaching to within a few feet of the British outposts and reconnoitering the whole of the defensive positions.

The situation is as bad as it can be short of actual war, in the opinion of the editorial writers of the morning newspapers.

Harrington Sees Kemal. Constantinople, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Brigadier General Sir Charles Harrington, commander-in-chief of the British forces in the Dardanelles area, plans to leave this afternoon for a conference with Mustafa Kemal Pasha, probably at Mudania, on the Sea of Marmora.

The British are confident that if the next 24 hours pass without the firing of shots at Chanak or other points along the Dardanelles, all immediate danger of hostilities will have been avoided. This is the period of time estimated to be required for General Harrington's journey and interview with Mustafa Kemal.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Mary Jane McCoy, 6, kidnapped near her school, reappeared on the street as mysteriously as she had disappeared and was found through an anonymous telephone call.

People of Herrin Say Grand Jury Which Indicted 74 Men Is 'Hand-Picked' and 'Fixed'

BY HENRY W. JENKINS, Consolidated Press Correspondent. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Herrin, Ill., Sept. 29.—Herrin is unrepentant. Herrin believes that the special grand jury sitting over at Marion, the county seat of "Bloody Williamson," has "made a great mistake" in indicting 74 Williamson county men under more than two hundred true bills and Herrin business men announced today that they are determined to fight to the last ditch against the conviction of the men charged with the slaying massacre at the Lester strip mine last June.

Any idea the country may have gained that the return of the indictments meant a change of heart on the part of Herrin is all wrong. Briefest visit will prove that while some of the hot sentiment which said "to hell with the scabs" as men lay dying by the roadside has cooled, its tendency has not changed.

Sentiment With Miners. The bell boy and the barber, who have monopolies in their respective lines at the principal hotel; the soda water boy at the corner drug store; the justice of the peace office

UNCLE SAM HAS AUCTION SALE IN WASHINGTON

Gets Rid of House 'Antiques' Joke on Junk Man.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Uncle Sam put one over on the junk man yesterday. Collecting a lot of truck scattered about the house office building, one of his representatives hired an auctioneer and a boy to go out and ring a bell.

Auction news travels swiftly and in a little while an army of women had arrived. Some thread-bare rugs over which statesmen might have trod; some old water coolers of the type long outlawed; some filing cabinets that might fit in a corner of the kitchen as a receptacle for pots and some old chairs on which no man could rest his weary bones, were sold quickly.

By "Jefferson" Screen. A little man bought a faded screen after somebody had whispered it used to fit before the fireplace at Thomas Jefferson's home. It looked as old as that. A tall man bought a filing cabinet which long stood in Champ Clark's office and counted it a bargain. A woman in a stunning frock and a big black hat with a red bird on one side, paid \$19.50 for a rug out of the speaker's lobby.

"Look at the feet that traveled over it," she exclaimed as she boosted the price the last two bits. "And look at the dust they left," said a rival as she quit bidding at \$19.25.

JAPS QUIT ISLE OF SAKHALIEN

Evacuation of Island Opposite Siberian Mainland Complete, It Is Announced.

Tokio, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Japanese evacuation of the Siberian mainland opposite the island of Sakhalien has been completed, and civil administration of that territory has been withdrawn, it was said officially here today.

BANDITS GRAB \$75,000 LOOT

Two Men Hold Up City Paymaster in Vancouver, B. C.; Make Clean Getaway.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 29.—City Paymaster T. C. Schooley was held up and robbed of \$75,000 by two automobile bandits today. The robbers escaped, making a sensational dash through the business district.

Schooley had just left the city hall when the men assaulted him and snatched a bag containing the money.

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M'CORMICK SURE TO WIN --LAWRENCE

Chief State Interest Centers in Rail Injunction, Not Politics.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.)

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 29.—Illinois is so overwhelmingly Republican that Senator Medill McCormick's reelection is assured and there is far more interest in this community in the effect of the injunction secured in the federal courts here by the government against the railroad strikers.

Briefly, the injunction is looked upon as epochal. Unless labor should succeed in setting it aside through reverses in the higher courts, the decree is permanent. This means that strikes on public utilities have at one fell swoop been declared taboo without any further legislation. That, however, is just the rub. Many of the critics of the injunction contend that it would be far better for America if such drastic prohibitions are imposed by the injunction were thereally passed upon by congress. There is naturally a reaction against the injunction in labor circles, but it is a fact that the business community as a whole welcomes the step as a start, at any rate, toward the settlement of industrial disputes and argues that even if the injunction should fall to stand the test of the higher judiciary, it will serve as a basis for action by congress or the states. In other words, public sentiment against strikes on public utilities and in the industries which control the necessities of life is rapidly crystallizing and must be reckoned with in politics.

Harding Gains Strength. There is no question but that the Harding administration has been immeasurably strengthened among its own supporters by President Harding's veto of the bonus and the Daugherty injunction. The business men who contribute heavily to the support of the Republican party from year to year have always felt that the Wilson administration catered to labor and that its successor must, in a measure, do the reverse. It was therefore with considerable disappointment that the proposal of President Harding to restore seniority rights to rail strikers was received. Some business men went so far as to say that the proposal was a surrender "like the Adamson act." Business men became critical of the administration. But the Daugherty injunction and the veto of the bonus turned the tide. Reports received by Republican chieftains from all parts of the country show that Mr. Harding boosted his political stock a good deal by the position he has latterly adopted.

Losses With Labor. What Mr. Harding gains, however, among the business men is to some extent offset by the antagonism he has earned on the labor side. The injunction fight is by no means over. The fight will be carried to the supreme court of the United States. Attorney General Daugherty told the writer that he welcomed a thorough test of the injunction. The decree is, of course, based upon the famous anti-trust law of 1890, which makes it unlawful to restrain trade. One

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THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Somewhat cooler by Saturday night. Highest temperature yesterday, 82; lowest last night, 57. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 2 miles per hour. Precipitation, none.

12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yesterday, today. Dry bulb temp., 78 71 57. Wet bulb temp., 55 56 53. Relative humid., 19 38 76. River stage at 7 a. m., 1.5; no change last 24 hours. Sunset today, 5:49 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow, 5:59 a. m.

River Forecast.

Stages of the Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will change but little during the next few days. ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

HEADS G. A. R.



J. W. WILLETT.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 29.—An ex-gob of the volunteer navy is now commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

He is J. W. Willett of Tama, Iowa. The 85,000 members of the veterans' organization elected him to succeed Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose term of office expired today.

Commander Willett is a judge in the Seventeenth judicial district of Iowa. A native of Illinois, he enlisted at Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1863. Although a youngster, he was soon serving on the receiving boat Clara Dolson at Mount City, Ill., the young gob was assigned to the gunboat Springfield, attached to the Mississippi squadron. There he served under Commodore Andrew H. Poole. At the end of the war he was second mate in the government transport and dredge boat service.

On discharge he moved to Iowa, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1872. He has been active in that profession ever since.

'EDUCATIONAL BANQUET' PUT ON BY M. E.'S

Methodists at Alton Have Gay Time With Speakers.

Alton, Ill., Sept. 29.—The Methodist conference last evening was featured by an "educational banquet" served by the women of the First Methodist Episcopal church, in the new dining room of the rebuilt structure, which was damaged by fire several months ago. Covers were laid for 300.

President G. E. McGammon of McKendree college, introduced former Governor Charles S. Deneen of Illinois as toastmaster. He provoked considerable merriment by varying the gridiron idea, interrupting each of the notable speakers, assigning as a reason that time was up and introducing the next speaker. President David Kinley of the University of Illinois was warned when introduced by Mr. Deneen that he had only 15 minutes and when he was in the midst of a story Mr. Deneen interrupted and presented Dr. Charles Stuart as the next speaker. The former governor explained that those who were interested could go up to the church assembly room at 8 o'clock and hear the continuation of President Kinley's remarks and Dr. Stuart began.

He Needed a King.

To illustrate a point he told about Bryan's Sunday school class at Miami saying that one Sunday Bryan was discoursing against monarchies and kings and he asked a man in the front row, "You don't want a king, do you?" The man happened to be a traveling man and he replied: "Not now, but if I had another one last night I would have saved \$100." The understanding of the joke was universal as shown by the laughter and applause. Dr. Stuart was interrupted in the middle of another story by "Time is up," and Bishop McConnell was presented. He talked about education in the smaller colleges and he brought in his poker contribution by relating that some one had said, "Higher education is a bluff anyhow," to which the reply was, "Well, it is sometimes good to call a bluff with also."

BABY GUY IS RULED TO BE LEGITIMATE

Charges Against Banker and Mrs. Leeds Are Confirmed.

Carmel, N. Y., Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—James A. Stillman, former president of the National City Bank of New York, was ruled a decree in his suit for absolute divorce against his wife, Anne U. Stillman, and Baby Guy Stillman was declared legitimate in the findings of Daniel J. Gleason, referee in the case, which were filed here today.

Through his mother's victory Guy Stillman retains his rights as an heir with his two brothers and his sister to the \$6,000,000 trust fund created for them by their grandfather, the late James Stillman.

The referee's decision was a complete victory for Mrs. Stillman. Not only was her defense upheld, but the referee also confirmed her charges that Mr. Stillman had mismanaged himself with Florence H. Leeds, former Broadway show girl, and that Mrs. Leeds had borne two children.

Other Charges Denied. In regard to Mrs. Stillman's charges that her banker husband had also mismanaged himself with two other women, identified only as "Helen" and "Clara," Referee Gleason decided that the evidence was not sufficient to prove the allegations of adultery.

The referee wrote the testimony added by Mrs. Stillman in support of his charges that Mrs. Stillman mismanaged herself with Fred Beauvais, part Indian guide alleged by the banker to be the father of little Guy Stillman, "uncontradicted and unexplained was sufficient to justify Stillman in believing Mrs. Stillman guilty of the charges made against her."

A careful examination, however, of all the testimony," said his report, "has shaken my faith and belief in the testimony of the witnesses called in the plaintiff's behalf."

Two of the bankers' attorneys, Colonel William Rand, and Outerbridge Horsey, waiting to hear the decision in Mr. Gleason's office at Poughkeepsie, declined to say whether they intended to appeal from the referee's findings.

The referee had failed to overcome the presumption of legitimacy, "which is one of the strongest known to the law and which cannot be overturned except by evidence which is stronger."

On the other hand, the report found the proof of Mrs. Stillman's recriminating charges that her husband had supported and maintained Florence H. Leeds, as his wife, and that she had given birth to two children "recognized by him" had been "so overwhelming and convincing that the plaintiff's attorneys frankly stated to the referee that no denial would be made of these charges."

"Life" Completely Cleared. Mrs. Stillman, the referee added, not only offered evidence to establish the truth and falsity of the evidence of misconduct by her and Beauvais, but also presented evidence.

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PERSHING'S SON SETS UP RADIO IN GENERAL'S AUTO

Washington, Sept. 29.—The mysterious appearance of a bright copper wire running around the top of one of the big army limousines used by General Pershing set about a rumor that the former chief of the E. F. had become a radio enthusiast and "listened in" on secrets or other matters passing in the air as he rode about the country in the car. Inquiry at the general's office today disclosed that it was not John J. but Warren Pershing, the general's young son, who equipped the motor car with the radio apparatus. He was aided by the army sergeant who drives the general's car and the pair are able to ride to music, and occasionally induce the general himself to "listen in."